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SUBJECT: STANDARD REFERENCE GAS FOR POLLUTION CONTROL MEASUREMENTS

REF: TOKYO 3200

- 1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONTACTED DOT REGARDING CONCERN OF CHEMICAL INSPECTION AND TESTING INSTITUTE, JAPAN (CITI). DOT HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT IS INCREASING ITS ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY WITH REGARD TO SHIPMENT INTO THE US OF COMPRESSED GAS IN NON-DOT-APPROVED CYLINDERS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SHIPMENT OF COMPRESSED GAS INTO THE US IN NON DOT-APPROVED CYLINDERS HAS NEVER BEEN AUTHORIZED.
- 2. WITH REGARD TO POST ASSISTANCE TO CITI, DOT RECOMMENDS THREE OPTIONS TO PUT FORWARD TO CITI IN ORDER TO RESOLVE UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR DIFFICULTIES: A) OBTAIN DOT-APPROVED CYLINDERS IN JAPAN PRIOR TO SHIPMENT OF STANDARD REFERENCE GAS. DOT AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING FIRMS WITH SUCH CAPABILITY: SHOWA KOATSU KOGYO COMPANY, LTD, OF 15-7, 1-CHOME, GINZA, CHUO-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN; SUMIKIN KIKO COMPANY, LTD, OF 1-1 FUSOCHO AMAGASAKI, JAPAN; TOTSUKA CYLINDER CORP. OF TOKYO, JAPAN (LAST FIRM WILL RECEIVE DOT APPROVAL IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS),

## B) OBTAIN DOT-APPROVED CYLINDERS FROM US MANUFACTURERS PRIOR

SHIPMENT OF STANDARD REFERENCE GAS TO THE US, AND C) PETITION DOT FOR AN EXEMPTION TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF CITI CYLINDERS TO SHIP COMPRESSED GAS INTO THE US WITHOUT VIOLATION OF DOT REGULATIONS. THIS PROCEDURE WILL TAKE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS, MORE PROBABLY CLOSER TO ONE YEAR.

3. SHOULD POST REQUIRE ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY WITH OPTIONS B AND C, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTACT DOT AND PROVIDE POST WITH ALL OF THE DETAILS. VANCE

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